

Senate Resolution 1187

By: Senators Orrock of the 36th, James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th and Buckner of the 44th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Donald and Virginia Brooks for their 15 years of
2 service at St. Martin Spiritual Church; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Donald and Virginia Brooks have devoted 15 years of their time,
4 talents, and energy to improving the lives of the congregation of St. Martin Spiritual Church
5 in Atlanta, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks was born on March 17, 1955, in Hampton, Virginia, and
7 moved to Atlanta at the age of 25; and

8 WHEREAS, he and his supportive wife, Virginia, have been blessed with three remarkable
9 sons and a wonderful grandchild; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Brooks was drawn to St. Martin Spiritual Church as an attendee
11 because of the ability of the church's leadership to teach the deeper meaning of things in life
12 and to answer spiritual and life questions; and

13 WHEREAS, after much study and fellowship, Reverend Brooks was named assistant pastor
14 and was promoted to pastor in 1995; and

15 WHEREAS, during his time leading St. Martin Spiritual Church, Reverend Brooks has
16 demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and
17 deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
20 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
21 humanitarian, Reverend Brooks serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

22 WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Brooks have shown the energy, devotion, and commitment
23 truly reflective of divine guidance which has allowed the Word of God to spread throughout
24 the community; and

25 WHEREAS, this amazing couple's guidance and inspiration have helped establish St. Martin
26 Spiritual Church as a community presence, allowing the church to serve as an uplifting
27 spiritual beacon of hope; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
29 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for their innumerable good works
30 rendered on behalf of persons in need.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
32 recognize Reverend Donald and Virginia Brooks for their efficient, effective, unselfish, and
33 dedicated service to others and commend them on 15 years of leadership at St. Martin
34 Spiritual Church.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Donald and Virginia Brooks.